

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-13 and 16-26 contain allowable subject matter if rewritten to include all the limitations of the claims from which they each originally depended. Claims 3 and 16 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 1 and 14 and to place them in independent form. Claims 1 and 14 have been cancelled. Claims originally dependent on one of claims 1 and 14 have been amended to depend from claims 3 and 16. In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-13 and 15-26 are now in condition for allowance, and requests allowance of said claims.

New Claims

New claims 27-30 have been added to claim the subject matter of now-independent claim 3 and dependent claims 4, 5 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 6. Applicant respectfully submits claims 27-30 are allowable for at least the reasons the Examiner considered that claims 3-5 and 10 contain allowable subject matter.

SUMMARY

Claims 3-13 and 16-30 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x309.

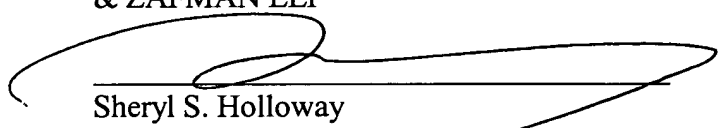
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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